Air District to continue vehicle repair program

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Vehicle emissions are key contributors to the formation of ozone, the major component of summertime smog.

To help reduce these emissions, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has approved $4 million to continue the Tune In and Tune Up vehicle repair program.

The program provides funding to Valley residents to make smog-related repairs to their vehicles in an effort to reduce pollution. Since the inception of the program, the district, in conjunction with Valley Clean Air Now, has held more than 40 repair events and repaired more than 7,600 vehicles, saving $7,500 per ton of emissions reduced, according to a news release from the program.

Based on district guidelines, vehicles that qualify after a free test may receive up to $500 in the form of a voucher. Repairs can be completed at a participating STAR smog check station.

In addition to the repair program, $500,000 has been approved for the expansion of a vehicle replacement component under Tune In and Tune Up.

This program uses the weekend repair events to find suitable candidates for vehicle replacement using several criteria including vehicle model, year, registration status and emissions level. Qualifying owners are offered up to $5,000 to replace their cars with newer and cleaner vehicles from a participating dealership.

The next repair event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 1000 S. Third Street. The event will only provide emissions screenings, and no smog certificates will be issued.

Participants must be San Joaquin Valley residents and must have owned the car for more than six months. Residents should expect about a two-hour wait, officials say.

For more information about the repair program call (800) 806-2004.

http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/07/06/4012990/air-district-to-continue-vehicle.html

Did Governor Brown choose a CA/DCA/BAR Chief who can find out if what is broken on a PZEV Smog Check failed car gets fixed? A Smog Check secret shopper audit would cut toxic car fleet impact 1500 tons per day while reducing cost by $billions.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI-Nrep74qg

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San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

District Highlights

June 19, 2014

Actions by the Governing Board

Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair and Replacement Program Approved.

The Governing Board approved $4 million for the continued implementation of the award-winning Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair Program.

This successful partnership with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) provides funding for Valley residents to make smog-related repairs to their existing vehicles.

To date, the District has held more than 40 weekend repair events, and repaired over 7,600 vehicles at a combined cost-effectiveness of $7,500 per ton of emissions reduced.

In addition to the repair program, the Governing Board approved up to $500,000 for the implementation of an expanded vehicle replacement component under Tune In Tune Up.

This program utilizes the District's existing weekend repair events to identify suitable candidates for replacement using several key criteria, including model year, registration status and emissions level.

In lieu of vehicle repair, owners of identified vehicles are offered up to $5,000 to retire their existing vehicles and replace those vehicles with newer, cleaner vehicles from a participating dealership.

This program has laid the foundation and provided the California Air Resources Board with "proof of concept" for a successful vehicle replacement program as they consider changes to the underperforming statewide Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP).

Additionally, with a successful replacement program, the District will be able to secure a significant portion of the $3 million currently available through State EFMP funding that is not currently being utilized.

http://www.valleyair.org/newsed/BoardHighlights/2014/June-2014-highlights.pdf

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